

St. Peter and Paul's Church, Ballymacward.

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SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup>. **MORNING MASS @ 10am** SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Michael (Mick) Carrick, Ashfield (38<sup>th</sup>. Anniv) and the  
deceased members of the Carrick Family.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup>. **MASS @ 9am**. Jack Salmon, Knock (First Anniv) Age 19 Years.

Friday 24<sup>th</sup>. **MASS @ 7pm**. Mrs. Mai Tierney, Esker (2<sup>nd</sup>. Anniv)

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup>. **MORNING MASS @ 10am** THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Jimmy and Johnny Kelly, Attyregan (Anniv)  
Michael Gonley, Whitepark (7<sup>th</sup>. anniv) and the deceased  
members of the Gonley family.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES:** The 2025 Church Envelopes are available for  
Collection/Distribution at the back of the Alter. Please take your own if possible.

**SERVERS FOR JANUARY:** NICOLE BARRETT & MEGAN KELLY.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR JANUARY:**

ROSE LYDON, ANN KINDREGAN. (19<sup>th</sup>. & 26<sup>th</sup>.)

**ATTENTION:** THERE WILL BE DISRUPTION TO THE WATER SUPPLY IN  
THE GENERAL BALLYGREANEY AREA ON TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup>. JANUARY. THE  
DISRUPTION WILL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
UNDERSTANDING. *THE CBC GROUP WATER COMMITTEE*

**FAMILY BINGO:** HOW TIME IS FLYING, JUST A WEEK TO GO TO OUR  
NEXT BINGO IN BALLYMACWARD HALL ON SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup>. JANUARY @ 7pm.

**Moylough Heritage Society:** 1500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Death of St Brigit:  
Moylough Heritage Society will host a talk in Moylough Community, Heritage and  
Resource Centre by Dr Elizabeth Dawson, lecturer in history Carlow College. Title: "St  
Brigit: forging an early medieval saint". This event takes place on Friday January 31<sup>st</sup>,  
8:00 PM, All are welcome. Refreshments served. Talk supported by Galway Co Council.

**Used Stamps for Charity:** If you have any used stamps, we would welcome these  
for the Missions, which help fund their many projects. A box will be placed in the church  
porches on the first weekend in January where they can be left in.

St. Michael's. / Fr. Michael Griffin Memorial Church, Gurteen.

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**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup>. VIGIL MASS 7pm.** SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Richard and Ellen O'Brien, Gortbrack (Anniv)

Paddy Griffen, Sheeaun (46<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

Jimmy O'Dea, Mounthazel (7<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

**SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup>. VIGIL MASS 7pm.** THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Martin and Sabina Ruane, Corskeagh (55<sup>th</sup>. and 16<sup>th</sup>. Anniv)

**CHURCH READERS:** The Gurteen Church reader's list is now available at the back to the Church for collection. We kindly ask all reader's to pick up their copy. Thanks everyone for your help.

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**CHURCH COLLECTIONS: BALLYMAC/GURTEEN. W/E 12/01/25 & 11/01/2025**

W/Envelopes.	€365.70	W/Envelopes	€224.50
Loose Plate	€ 47.33	Loose Plate	€ 40.20
PRIESTS XMAS	€ 70.00		
6 <sup>th</sup> . JANUARY	€ 43.00	6 <sup>th</sup> . JANUARY	€ 68.10
CANDLES	€ 31.10		

**PADRAIG PEARSES GAA CLUB:** RESULTS OF THE LOTTO DRAW WHICH TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup>. JANUARY. WINNING No.'s 4,11.14.24. NO WINNER, & 3 MATCH 3'S, NOEL BURKE, HELENA LYDON, UNA LAWLOR. NEXT WEEK'S DRAW ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup>. JANUARY. IN "GERRY MAC'S BAR", CASTLEBLAKNEY, FOR A JACKPOT OF €12,800. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

**Mountbellew CE Scheme Vacancies.** *General Operatives/ Maintenance Workers*

Duties to include: Working around Mountbellew with responsibility for cutting grass, shrub planting, cleaning, painting, litter control, keeping public areas tidy and general maintenance around the town. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. For further details please contact Sean O' Neill on 090 9679085 /0871209739 or email [mountbellewdd@gmail.com](mailto:mountbellewdd@gmail.com)

## **Pilgrims of Hope 2025**

Loving Father,  
we come before you,  
in this Jubilee Year.

Our hearts are full of longing.  
Now is the time to lay the past to rest.  
Today is the day for a new beginning.  
Breathe on us Spirit of God.

Inspire us.

Strengthen us.

Help us to follow ever more closely  
the example of Jesus, your Son.  
Help us to love you with all our heart.  
Help us to care for one another.

In a world upset by war and discord,  
we beg for the gift of lasting peace.

With Mother Mary by our side,  
may we journey together  
as pilgrims of hope on the road of life.

We ask this of you, O loving Father, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

The Ordinary Jubilee Year takes place every twenty five years. It is a special time of reconciliation with God and with one another. During the Jubilee Year 2025, the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St Nicholas, Galway and the Cathedral of St Brendan, Loughrea, have been dedicated as special places of pilgrimage where the Holy Year Indulgence may be obtained. [www.galwaydiocese.ie](http://www.galwaydiocese.ie) / [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie)

**Meals4Health** -A social enterprise of COPE Galway – Delivers fresh delicious affordable meals.to your door. Suited to the dietary requirements of the older person. Phone 091 354000 or visit [www.meals4health.ie](http://www.meals4health.ie) Special and modified dietary requirements catered for. Nationwide delivery available.

**ACCORD Ballinasloe** are committed to providing a professional counselling service for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships. This confidential service is available and affordable. CONTACT 090 9643573 for appointment or E-mail [ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net](mailto:ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net)

**ACCORD** Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

- If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church
- If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

## **Prayer for Vocations in the Diocese of Clonfert**

**Lord of the Harvest,**

**Bless young people in the Diocese of Clonfert with the gift of  
Courage to respond to your call of service.**

**Open their hearts to great ideals and wonderful things.**

**Inspire all of your disciples to mutual love and giving;**

**For vocations blossom in the rich soil of faithful people.**

**Inspire priests and religious, all our parishioners and families**

**With the confidence and grace to invite our young people**

**To consider the exciting and noble path of life dedicated and consecrated to You.**

**Unite us to Jesus Through prayer and sacrament,**

**So that we may cooperate With you in building your kingdom of  
Mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.**

